

## **HB 7912- Opposition**

I am in profoundly opposed to **Governor Lamont's HB 7192 specifically Sections 7-10.**

Sec. 7 states the following: (a) There is established a Commission on Shared School Services for the purpose of developing a **plan** for the **redistricting** or **consolidation** of school services and school districts.” (Line 444-447).

First, I oppose redistricting and consolidating school services and districts because local elected officials, parents, teachers and administrators are best suited to direct the education of children in their towns.

Second, there are no provisions that indicate the Commission's recommendations will be voted on by elected state representatives. I do not think local towns interests will be represented by the Commission.

Thirdly, The Commission consists of 14 members ALL appointed by the Leaders of the Legislature and the Governor (Line 450-477) and will exist for **eight years until June 30, 2027** (Line 492). Parents and citizens alike will not have control in the formation of the Commission. Of the 14 members, only one member is required to be a parent of a student enrolled in a public school. Therefore, the views of parents will not be adequately represented in this composition.

Respectfully submitted,

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